

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

December 18, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	200	100%	0%	0%	15000	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	0				400	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	0				1500	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	800	100%	0%	0%	1800	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	3700	99%	0%	0%	57900		
Rice Lake Areas	1500	100%	0%	0%	10400	100%	0%
Big Marsh	0				600	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	600	105%	0%	0%	1200	100%	0%
Green Island	100	100%	0%	0%	100	100%	0%
Princeton	0				600		
Lake Odessa Areas	100	100%	0%	0%	11000	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	No Report - For information contact (319) 354-8343						
Otter Creek	0				500	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	300	91%	0%	9%	12400	100%	0%
Red Rock	500	100%	0%	0%	9600	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	900	100%	0%	0%	13800	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	500	100%	0%	0%	5000	100%	0%
Union County Areas	700	99%	0%	1%	18000	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	100	100%	0%	0%	800		
Missouri River Oxbows	2600	99%	0%	1%	12600	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	0				0		
Total	12100	100%	0%	0%	172700	100%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

Strong southerly winds and clear skies raised the temperatures above the freezing mark Saturday through the night into Sunday melting much of the snow that blanketed Iowa's fields. By mid-day Sunday conditions rapidly changed as the wind switched, scattered rain chained to snow, and the temperatures dropped up to 40 degrees in less than a 12 hour period. Sub Zero temperatures occurred in all but the southeast corner of the state with strong winds creating dangerous wind chills. Below freezing temperatures remained through Thursday when a major fast moving storm crossed the state with freezing rain in the south and deep snow in the north. By Friday morning most of the precipitation had exited the state.

Note: This week is the statewide Mid-December goose count. Goose numbers will be inflated compared to other weeks should reflect more of what is in the state than just select sampled areas.